

NEW CONEY ISLAND SCHOOL DOOMED BY ESTIMATE BOARD TO ANOTHER YEAR'S DELAY

Budget Committee Rejects Site Prohibited by Comptroller Craig.

MEANS MONTHS WASTED

Meantime, President Prall Delays Report on Civic Association Strictures.

The Board of Education's reply to the charges contained in the survey of forty schools by nine civic associations, published three weeks ago, is still not ready to be made public. Although Anning S. Prall, president of the board, has had the reports of his inspectors in hand more than a week, his formal statement remains to be dictated, according to information given out at his office, 59th Street and Park Avenue.

Mr. Prall had expected to make public this report last week. The reason given for the delay is that Mr. Prall has not had time to draw up his statement. It is known that the report, when finally made public, will belittle the charges made in the original survey, and will either explain the existence of conditions or deny absolutely that they exist.

At the same time, the investigator for The Evening World, who hitherto had been given every assistance in procuring data and verifying statements, has found figures and other matters of record barred to him in the last few days.

"The President has called for the very figures you seek," is the invariable response, "and out of courtesy to him we cannot let you have them until he is ready to make them public."

SORRY OUTLOOK FOR CONEY ISLAND CHILDREN.

The Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Estimate yesterday finally sealed the doom of a new school for Coney Island when it returned, unapproved, the Board of Education's recommendation for a site on Neptune Avenue, between West 25th and West 30th Street. The committee instructed the school officials to find another site.

This site has been the subject of bitter controversy, with Comptroller Craig taking all the facts in connection with the deal to the Kings County Grand Jury and Associate Superintendent of Schools Shawlow in submitting a libel suit for \$100,000 against the Comptroller. The site selected by the Education Board was recently sold by the city for \$200 and back taxes, and the city would now have to pay at least ten times that for it. The Comptroller said the city already owned an available site close by.

What the Finance and Budget Committee's action means can best be understood by a brief summary of the procedure. The responsible members of the Board of Education will survey Coney Island for another site. In this survey they will interview scores of people to find out just where the school should be best located to satisfy the needs, and then they will have to interview scores more to pick the nearest available site. If a city-owned site is not selected there will be more delay.

Tricks will have to be searched, unofficial understanding will have to be reached with the various property owners, and a vast amount of related detail will have to be gone through. This, under the most favorable circumstances, will take at least a month.

The site selected will then go to the next meeting of the Board of Education for approval, and in all probability two or three weeks will be lost starting from this meeting. The board can then only adopt a resolution of approval to be sent to the Board of Estimate, which, if it approves, will consider the resolution the following week.

The normal procedure there is to refer the matter to the Committee on Budget and Finance, where it will rest at least a month and then be referred to the Board of Estimate, where it will take another month. All this is predicated upon the unwarranted assumption that the Finance Committee will not speedily and favorably. If the Board of Estimate concurs in favorable action it is so ordered and the Board of Education's resolution is approved.

CIRCUMLOCUTION WILL EAT UP TIME AND MONEY.

Then the Board of Education must advertise for bids either for clearing the property or for construction of the site. It takes a month to advertise and open and approve bids, which must then go through the same circumlocution in the Board of Estimate and Finance Committee, which accompanies approval of the site. It may be that the Board of Education authorities, acting speedily and on the assumption the site would be approved, will have drawn up the plans and approved the type of building to be erected, but this has not been done. The time involved will be a great deal longer.

So at best this new Coney Island school cannot be ready until spring, although it was item No. 1 on the building programme of 1921, drawn up about a year ago.

NINE-YEAR PARTING OF STILLMAN AND WIFE IS DENIED

Her Counsel Contradicts Statement of Banker Repudiating Guy.

Chief counsel for Mrs. Anne Urquhart Stillman today characterized as "propaganda" the information which James A. Stillman is alleged to have imparted to his close associates that he had lived apart from Mrs. Stillman for nine years and for that reason knew that he was not the father of Guy Stillman. Mrs. Stillman's lawyer added that he would produce several witnesses to disprove Mr. Stillman's allegation.

The statement, according to the banker's friends, was made that Mr. Stillman's association with Florence Leeds did not begin until after he became suspicious of his wife.

In an indirect manner the statement made by Mr. Stillman's friend denied that Mr. Stillman was "in love with Florence Leeds or intended to marry her." It is in the form of denying that "anybody has ever admitted" such a state of affairs. Proceeding from this premise the defender of Mr. Stillman argues that it is absurd to charge Mr. Stillman with seeking to divert to Jay Leeds, Guy's share of the \$7,000,000 trust fund established by Mr. Stillman's father. He says that the trust is for "lawful issue," but the effect of the legalizing of Jay Leeds as an heir by a future marriage is not discussed.

The statement is understood to be put out for a better understanding by the public of the rulings to be made Saturday on motions now before Referee Daniel J. Gleason.

Three of these motions are by Mr. Stillman's counsel, and one by John E. Mack, guardian for Guy Stillman.

The first motion of the Stillman lawyers was that the referee reconsider his decision ruling out the "Dearest Honey" letter alleged to have been written to Mrs. Stillman by Fred K. Beauvais.

The second asked that the "rolled oats and bacon" letter from Beauvais to Mrs. Stillman be made part of the record instead of being admitted temporarily.

The third motion requested that the questions asked Mr. Stillman by Col. Stand at the last hearing and ruled out on objection by the defense be admitted.

These questions which the referee may permit Mr. Stillman to return to the Poughkeepsie stand and answer are:

"Did you express yourself to your wife's attorneys before bringing this action as being entirely willing that your wife should have a divorce if she wanted one?"

"Did you then take legal advice by your own counsel that the question of the paternity of Guy Stillman could not be tried out in an action brought against you?"

"And did you, because of that, therefore bring the action against Mrs. Stillman and Guy Stillman?"

The fourth motion to be decided, made by Mr. Mack, is that more of Dr. Hugh Russell's testimony, especially that part of his alleged conversation with Mrs. Stillman in Buffalo shortly after the writing of the "physical letter," be stricken from the record.

Mrs. Stillman, accompanied by her three children, Alexander, James Jr. and Guy, left their Fifth Avenue house this morning for an indefinite vacation. She refused to state her destination, but close friends intimate she will not return for the hearings, July 13, 14 and 15, at Poughkeepsie.

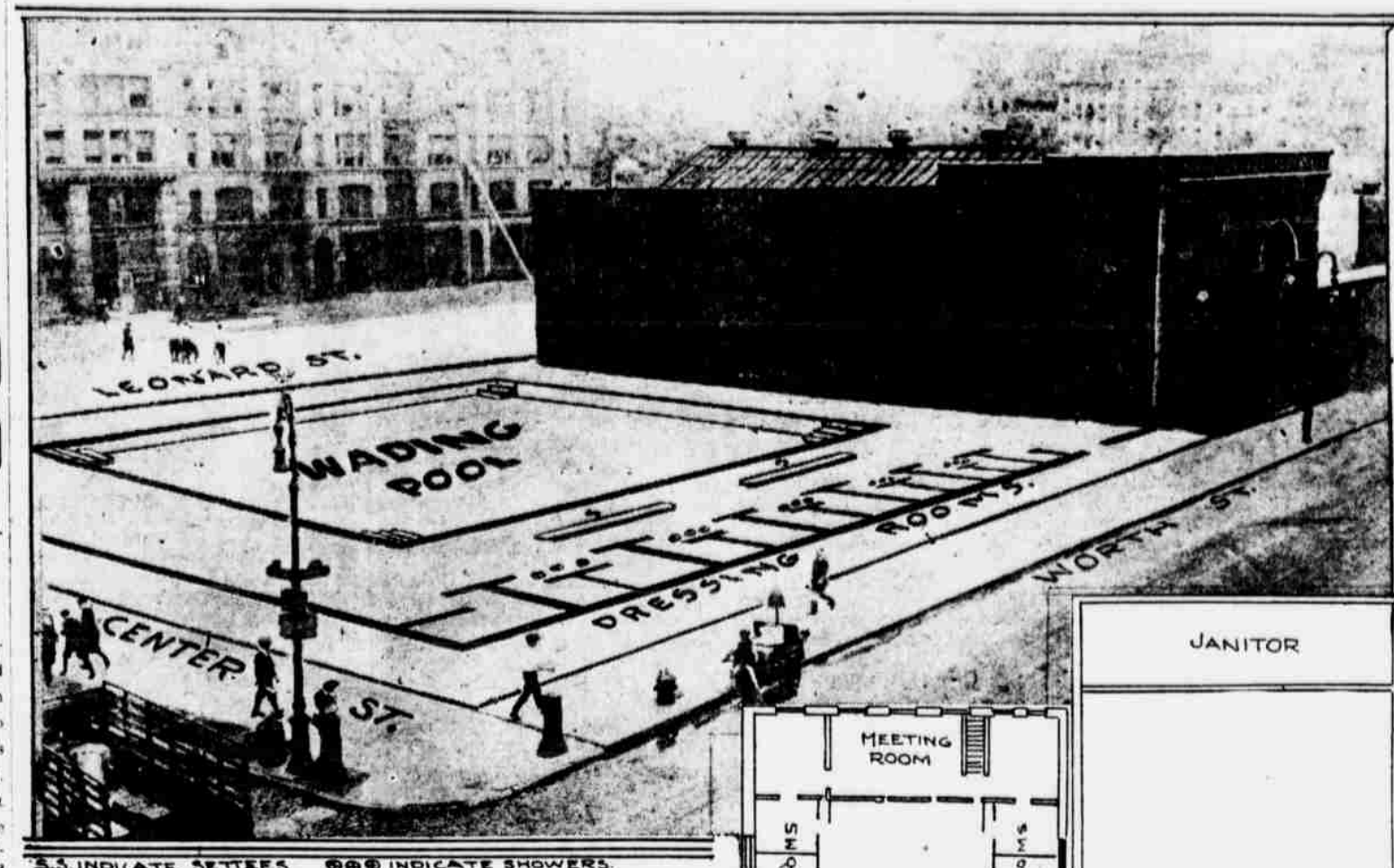
John E. Brennan, her chief counsel, and Abel L. Smith, who gathered much of the evidence for Mrs. Stillman, expected to hold a conference this afternoon.

cost \$1250,000, exclusive of the site, and to relieve two schools with an excess register of 2,977, with a total number of pupils on part time and double session aggregating 5,026, has been held up by Board of Estimate dilatoriness and dawdling.

Although apologists for the school record of the present Administration point to the fact that the great 1921 building programme of \$2,000,000 has been "authorized," they carefully refrain from recording that action on each individual item in the programme tried to, and does, nullify the programme as a whole.

In the mean time, regardless of building programmes and promises, the Board of Education's report on the lack of fire protection and on the sanitary and lighting shams exposed in the survey and corroborated and amplified by The Evening World, is eagerly awaited.

Plans for Most Complete Child Welfare Building In World, Submitted by Miss Loeb of Evening World



NEW YORK TO LEAD WORLD IN HAVING AN EXCLUSIVE CHILD WELFARE BUILDING

Miss Sophie Irene Loeb's Plea, Backed by Mayor, Wins a Benefactor.

The Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, at its meeting yesterday, decided to turn over the building at No. 145 Worth Street to the Board of Child Welfare, which is now located in the basement of City Hall, and for which an appropriation of \$27,000 was asked for the purpose of making it suitable for Child Welfare purposes. The committee recommended an appropriation of \$13,372 for the building, the outside to be taken care later.

This request comes from the Board of Child Welfare, of which Sophie Irene Loeb is president. The board administers the Widows' Pension and 22,000 children and 7,000 mothers are now being cared for under this law which was strongly urged from the start by The Evening World.

Strong support was expressed by Mayor Hylan and various members of the Board of Estimate. It is believed the request will be granted, so that the work will begin immediately, to be completed this summer.

When the Board of Estimate and Apportionment finally passes on the proposition it will mark the first Child Welfare building in the world. The Board of Aldermen will take up the matter of appropriation next Tuesday.

In the words of Miss Loeb: "It is the most momentous step ever taken in the interest of the children in this country. It means a constructive move on the part of the authorities to get behind the child as a future citizen and as an asset to the community."

"To have a distinct place, where the offices of the work already accomplished in Child Welfare may be housed, and where the big problems of the children of a congested city may be centered, is a great step in the right direction."

GREAT ECONOMIC AND HUMANITARIAN VICTORY.

"This Child Welfare building will focus public interest and attention to the great need of beginning with the children, both from an economic and humanitarian point of view."

"Not only will the present Child Welfare Board occupy this building, but it is expected that people from all over the world will come here to confer in the benefit of their fatherless children, and so promote the principle of home life for dependent and destitute children."

"We have been very slow to recognize the value of Child Welfare, especially in preventive measures, as the big means of obviating future community burdens."

"There have been buildings for assembly every purpose. But one of the biggest elements in the human game—the child—has been left practically to haphazard care and interest."

Borough President Curran's offer drew up the tentative plans for the welfare centre. They provide interesting and progressive developments. The structure is old-fashioned, but very substantial, being all-foored throughout and spacious. The present plans provide not only for ample office space, but for a dental clinic, a physical examination room and a rest room for mothers.

Considerable improvement will be made in the large space on the corner. It is not only beautifying it but making it of value to the neighborhood. A large wading pool is planned as well as shower baths. Here many mothers may come with their children from the very crowded sections nearby. It

will be the first wading pool in this city, although some other cities of the United States have already installed them.

A health centre will also be established in the building, so that mothers of destitute children may have all available aid and advice.

The basement of the building contains much space which, likely, will be devoted to a children's playground in wet weather.

LETTER THAT WON THE MAYOR AND BUDGET COMMITTEE.

Miss Loeb's letter explaining the great need of securing the building, which was transmitted with the approval of the Mayor to the Board of Estimate last Friday, reads as follows:

"Hon. John F. Hylan, Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, New York, N. Y.:

"Will you please present to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment next Friday the matter of appropriating to the use of the Board of Child Welfare the building at No. 145 Worth Street, and appropriating the sum of \$27,000 for renovating the same and making it applicable to Child Welfare Board purposes?"

"This building, as you know, was formerly a health dispensary, and it is most adaptable to our work. At present it is occupied by a few draughtsmen who are planning the Court House."

"I am enclosing a copy of a general estimate of costs from the Borough President's office, together with a general plan proposed. The position of the building makes it peculiarly adapted for child activity purposes, as well as other requirements, and we hope to make this old building a great utilitarian centre as well as an attractive corner."

"I am confident that when every member of the Board of Estimate realizes how far reaching our plans are and that the money asked for is small in comparison, they will accede to our request without any delay."

"We shall appreciate it very much if you will facilitate this matter so that the work can be done this summer, so that we can occupy the building in the early fall."

"It is unnecessary to tell you of the frightfully crowded condition in the basement of City Hall, which we have endured for the past five years."

"We have been loath to move because of the great inconvenience it would cause to the thousands of mothers. As a general thing, they come to us with the children and it would be a hardship for them to get into elevators and their way about in crowded buildings."

"We have therefore borne with considerable hardship for the sake of these mothers and in the hope that some day the city would erect a new building for the great work of child welfare—a building dedicated to the exclusive use of the welfare of the children of this city, the vital importance of which is apparent to you."

"Realizing financial conditions and that it might be a considerable time until a new building would be given to us, we have sought the next best thing—to secure some building already owned by the city which we could adapt to the uses of the Board of Child Welfare."

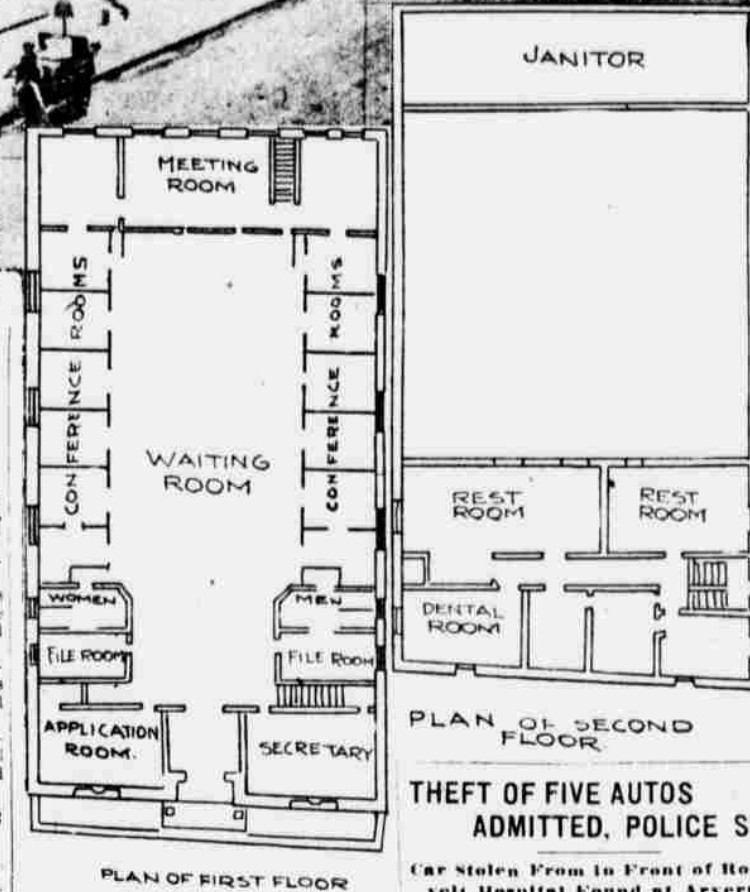
VITAL FACTOR IN MAKING FUTURE CITIZENS.

"This building is so located that it is readily accessible to all the boroughs, and if rearranged and made a bit attractive, we are confident it would prove a credit to the city."

"In this great metropolis, where child welfare problem looms up more as a vital factor in the making of future citizens."

"If the honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment will grant our request, it will lay the nucleus for child welfare progress which will not only alleviate our present deplorable office conditions, but will lay the foundation for the development of future child welfare work by instituting preventive measures, which the Child Welfare Law now exemplifies."

"Our forthcoming report to you contains many vital statistics and facts which speak for themselves as to how much the city has saved in caring for its dependent children in the homes of their own mothers and thus preventing public charges for the present and the future, at a most appreciable saving in money, to say nothing of the thousands of children from the very crowded sections nearby. It



THEFT OF FIVE AUTOS ADMITTED, POLICE SAY.

Car Stolen From In Front of Roosevelt Hospital Found at Arverne.

Robert Burns, twenty-four, of No. 828 Fifth Avenue, who was arraigned in the West Side Court today charged with stealing a motor car, has confessed to the larceny of five cars in the last two months, the police say. He implicated Joseph Shields, twenty-two, of No. 108 West 54th Street, who was arraigned with him. Shields, according to the police, admitted only one theft.

It was for the theft of the car of Miss Alice Huntington of Scarsdale from in front of Roosevelt Hospital on June 27 that the two were arrested last night. The car was found in a garage at Arverne, L. I.

John O'Keefe, No. 100 Calver Street, and Ernest Miller, No. 112 Java Street, each sixteen, are under arrest charged with stealing automobile spark plugs from the garage of Harry Liebowitz at No. 225 Russell Street, Brooklyn. They were arraigned today in the Bridge Plaza Court.

Back Tom Explosion Suspect Under Arrest.

With the arrest in Albany, Tuesday, of Michael Felix Kristoff, the Federal authorities working with officers of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company hope to solve the origin of the fire and explosion at Black Tom Island, Jersey City.

Kristoff, who has just completed a term in prison for petit larceny, is also charged with making a fraudulent statement concerning his enlistment in the army in 1917.

WIFE KICKED ME OUT IS PLEA OF HUBBY WHOM SHE SUES

She Had \$10,000 a Year, He \$3,000, but That Did Not Stop Her From Proposing.

Gilbert T. Young, a salesman for a Fifth Avenue house, alleged in an affidavit in opposition to a motion made by his wife, Beatrice, for alimony and counsel fee that she had "kicked" him out, that she was a feminist and ardent suffragette and that it was she who had proposed to him, telling him that the disparity in their income—she earns \$10,000 a year, while he gets \$3,000—should not deter him from matrimony. Justice Davis today decided, nevertheless, that Mrs. Young was entitled to \$50 a month alimony and \$100 counsel fee, pending judgment in her separation suit.

Mrs. Young lives with her mother at No. 50 Leland Avenue, New Rochelle. In papers prepared by Louis Dunst, her attorney, she says she married Gilbert on Nov. 29, 1919, and that he went right home to her apartment when he took her aboard a year ago. She agreed to pay the rent and part of the housekeeping expenses, the plaintiff charges. During the ten months he remained there, she alleges, he paid but six months' rent, refusing to contribute anything more.

A few weeks after marriage Mrs. Young says her husband told her that creditors were making his life miserable and he nagged her until she advanced him collateral to raise a loan to pay his debts. She had to pay the loan in order to regain her collateral. When he took her aboard a year ago she says she had to pay her own expenses, besides paying for presents he brought for friends.

In order to placate her husband's violent temper Mrs. Young says she bought an automobile, paying for the upkeep as well as the chauffeur. In September last she bought the house where she is now living, thinking that would insure peace and quiet in the home, but he nagged and quarreled, she charges, if she employed any one to do work around the house and grounds, although he refused to do it himself.

On April 5 last Mrs. Young says she, her husband, after packing his trunks and taking all the presents he had given her, drove her car out of the garage and she has not seen him since.

In a counter suit for separation he denies he abandoned her and says

that after the marriage she agreed to give up all political and economic activities, but three weeks after the marriage he says she violated her promise by organizing the "Women's Equal Opportunity League" and spent her time, not with him, but attending and addressing public and private meetings. He says he has always treated his wife's mother with respect, but that she insisted upon running the house and called him a "dirty loafer" and other choice expressions.

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